



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending September 3, 2017

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 1.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 3, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 31 percent adequate, and 66 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 43 percent adequate, and 53 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 65.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Gardens to 75.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 77.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Red River to 87.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state due to Hurricane Harvey, with the highest concentration in the west central part of the state with an average of 9.30 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 3, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	91	87	80	87
Cotton, open bolls	72	43	80	70
Hay, second cutting	77	75	89	95
Rice, mature	99	97	95	95
Rice, harvested	87	81	76	80
Sorghum, mature	97	93	100	98
Sorghum, harvested	87	58	89	85
Soybeans, turning color	87	78	71	71
Soybeans, dropping leaves	64	54	50	53
Soybeans, mature	53	43	38	NA
Soybeans, harvested	30	25	22	26
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	11	3	11	12
Sugarcane, planted	47	39	47	53

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending September 3, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton	0	11	40	46	3
Livestock	3	7	30	54	6
Pasture	2	10	31	52	5
Soybeans	1	8	35	51	5
Sugarcane	1	4	17	59	19
Sweet Potatoes	0	4	20	73	3
Vegetables	3	15	42	38	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Good to see sunshine. Producers will be back in fields when conditions are dry.”

– Richard Letlow, Morehouse Parish

“Rain and tidal surge flooded many pastures, sugarcane and rice fields in the southern part of the parish. Tide receded quickly but there will be significant pumping of water in some areas. Some cattle were evacuated in these areas. Rice harvest is near complete, some second crop went underwater but most didn't stay under very long. Sugarcane lodged and will affect planting ratio.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Field conditions are improving from the rains of Hurricane Harvey. The amount of rain was not a huge problem, up to eight inches in areas over a four day period. The timing of rain event and overcast weather is what caused problems for crops, especially soybeans that were ready for harvest. We have had many reports of quality issues. Sugarcane plantings were delayed due to wet field conditions. Mosquito populations have exploded, a great concern for livestock.”

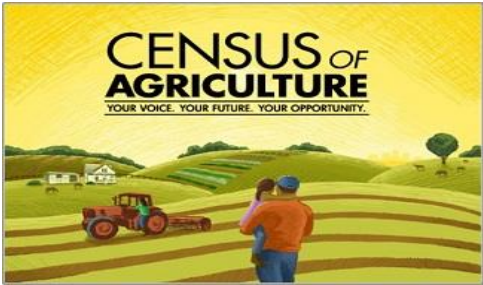
– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Pastures south of Intracoastal Waterway are flooded, cattle have been moved out of parish to higher ground. Hay supply is scarce this year, the search for hay is ongoing. It will take some time for water to go down in lower Cameron Parish. Most of the rice was harvested in the parish before the hurricane.”

– Bradley Pousson, Cameron Parish



“Heavy rains last week stopped any ag production. Little rice left to be harvested and some was blown over due to Hurricane Harvey. Most farmers harvested late into the nights before the storm in order to get rice out of the fields. Approximately 95-98 percent of rice harvested. Soybeans are in saturated grounds. Some pastures are still holding water.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish



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Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 3, 2017										
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	83.1	69.1	76.1	80.3	-4.2	4.36	4	3.65	8.20	5.69
Mooringsport	81.3	67.7	74.5	81.2	-6.7	1.21	3	0.56	3.86	1.21
Red River	77.8	70.0	73.9	81.2	-7.6	4.94	3	4.64	11.12	9.06
Shreveport	80.1	67.4	73.8	81.2	-7.4	4.71	3	4.21	12.12	9.85
Extreme/Average	80.6	68.6	74.6	81.0	-6.5	3.81	4	3.26	8.82	6.45
North Central										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	79.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	80.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	79.7	66.0	72.9	78.9	-6.0	4.23	4	3.57	8.81	6.34
Extreme/Average	79.7	66.0	72.9	79.5	-6.0	4.23	4	3.57	8.81	6.34
Northeast										
Lake Providence	81.0	67.9	74.4	80.5	-6.1	1.69	3	1.14	7.26	5.86
St Joseph	82.8	68.0	75.4	81.0	-5.8	3.17	5	2.58	6.04	2.85
Tallulah	83.4	70.7	77.1	80.4	-3.3	2.70	5	1.86	7.59	4.55
Winnsboro	80.0	68.5	74.3	80.9	-7.1	0.75	2	0.53	2.55	0.07
Extreme/Average	81.8	68.8	75.3	80.7	-5.6	2.08	5	1.53	5.86	3.33
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	80.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	78.0	65.0	71.5	80.7	-9.7	3.66	2	3.43	8.58	5.80
Leesville	78.1	67.7	72.9	79.9	-6.9	14.23	5	13.40	18.77	15.57
Natchitoches	80.9	69.6	75.2	82.1	-6.9	10.02	4	8.85	11.82	8.64
Extreme/Average	79.0	67.4	73.2	80.7	-7.8	9.30	5	8.56	13.06	10.00
Central										
Alexandria	80.9	69.4	75.1	82.0	-6.9	5.53	5	4.67	9.06	5.44
Bunkie	81.6	69.3	75.4	80.8	-5.3	6.71	5	5.62	12.06	8.99
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	82.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	84.4	68.8	76.6	81.3	-4.7	1.94	3	1.29	5.73	3.12
New Roads	79.0	70.2	74.6	82.1	-7.6	3.64	4	3.04	7.93	4.25
Extreme/Average	81.5	69.4	75.5	81.8	-6.1	4.46	5	3.66	8.70	5.45
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.70	5	3.38	10.23	5.27
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	80.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.22	4	NA	12.24	NA
Slidell	84.7	71.4	78.1	NA	NA	5.18	5	NA	6.00	NA
Extreme/Average	84.7	71.4	78.1	80.7	NA	4.37	5	3.38	9.49	5.27
Southwest										
Crowley	79.8	72.0	75.9	81.5	-5.8	5.43	5	4.56	11.66	7.44
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	81.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	81.6	71.1	76.4	81.7	-5.3	8.63	5	7.33	13.76	8.88
Oberlin Fire	80.3	69.4	74.9	81.1	-6.2	8.60	4	7.53	15.16	11.12
Extreme/Average	80.6	70.8	75.7	81.4	-5.8	7.55	5	6.47	13.53	9.15
South Central										
Donaldsonville	84.0	72.0	78.0	81.1	-3.1	5.26	4	3.98	8.96	4.02
Jeanerette	81.6	73.6	77.6	81.3	-3.9	7.40	4	6.33	11.48	6.24
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	80.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	85.6	75.3	80.4	81.6	-1.2	8.93	6	7.24	19.92	13.19
Extreme/Average	83.7	73.6	78.7	81.2	-2.7	7.20	6	5.85	13.45	7.82
Southeast										
Galliano	87.3	75.5	81.4	82.0	-0.6	7.46	6	5.84	10.40	3.95
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	8.14	4	6.94	13.42	8.08
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	87.3	75.5	81.4	82.0	-0.6	7.80	6	6.39	11.91	6.02
State	82.1	70.2	76.2	81.1	-4.6	5.65	5	4.73	10.40	6.62

DFN = Departure from Normal.
Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.
NA = Not Available.